BIG FIGHT OVER TAXES BLOOD POISO

House Refuses to Reduce Them on Intangible Property

REPORT WAS SUSTAINED

Finance Committee's Judgment is Vin dicated-Senate Spends Another Day on Railroad Measure, and Adopts Watkins Substitute.

The sessions of the Legislature was long and full of public interest.

The House had the first brush over the general tax bill, and the report of the committee was sustained by the very decisive vote of 46 to 18.

The question arose on a motion of Mr Caton, of Alexandria, to strike out 80 cents and insert 20 cents as the tax on personal property.

The debate over the matter was spirited and long drawn out, Mr. Caton leading for and Mr. Boaz against the It was plainly a question between the cities, and the committees of the counties won hands down.

Not a few times did those in favor o the amendment rap the recent convention for reducing taxes, but Mr. Boaz kept a clear head and whipped his opponents in a storm.

Messrs. Jennings, Heermans and Grave ly spoke for the Caton amendment. This about as far as the House got with revenue bill, and it went over until

to-day.

Mr. Cabell gave notice that on Monday next he would call up the Norfolk contested election case and ask that it be disposed of. The House agreed to the report of the conference committee on the general salary bill, and a number of measures were offered and referred.

Among these was one by Mr. Caton to prevent the fraudulent sale of goods in bulk and another by him to appropriate money to Confederate associations. noney to Confederate associations.

Mr. Lowry offered a bill to make the
office of school trustee elective and to
provide that a per diem be paid this of-

The Senate devoted its entire session to a further discussion of the bill to allow electric railway companies to concern the property of public institutions, and the Watkins substitute was passed.

The Senate.

The Senate was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. George Cooper. Lieutenant-Governor Willard was back from New Hampshire, where he went to attend the funeral of a relative, and he occu-

Child Labor bill was discussed in an indirect manner. Mr. Barksdale, from the Committee on General Laws, reportrd favorably the Lyle bill as a substi-tute for the Gabell bill. The whole dis-cussion was on the subject of fixing a time for the consideration of these meas-

Ume for the consideration of these measures. Next Tuesday was the date decided upon.

During the early stages of the session the Newport News-Old Point street-car fight was again aired. On Wednesday the bill offered by Mr. Watkins, giving to railway corporations the right to condemn lands owned by educational institutions was ordered to its engressment. It came up yesterday on its third reading.

reading.

MR. SEARS' SPEECH.

Mr. Sears, of Mathews, the best-dressed Senator and perhaps the most polished and fluent speaker in the body, as well as one of the most courteous in decate, took the floor to oppose the Wathins' bill. Mr. Sears is always heard with pleasure. He is quite apt at repartee, and interruptions do not excite htm. There are others who can hit him. There are others who can hit harder sledge-hammer blows, but Mr. Bears can hold his own in a smooth-run

ning debate with any. Mr. Sears opposed the Watkins' bill. He did not object to the principle in the bill, but he did think that such a the bill, but he did think that such a measure should not be passed under the circumstances, that all were well acquainted with. If the charter of the Louisa Development Company should be repealed and all companies be put upon the same footing he would then be ready to discuss the matter of such a general law as that proposed.

The question arcse as to why the company that wants the right of way through the Hampton Normal School grounds had not proceeded to operate under the Louisa charter and lawyers and farmers got into a rough, roll tum-

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The Senate Chamber rapidly filled up with spectators. At one time Messrs. Bears, Watkins, Wallace, Barksdale, Keezell and others were firing questions at each other, while energy were others eager to enter the debate.

Mr. Sears contended that advantage had not been taken of the Louisa charter because of a fear that it was not contitutional and he contended that this toneern had come here seeking to have this bill passed in order to "clinch" the privileges granted in the Louisa charter.

Mr. Watkins did not agree with this view expressed by Mr. Sears and the Prince Edward Senator stated that neither the companies had anything to do with the introduction of his bill. He had offered it to meet a condition that might urise at any time and anywhere in Virginia. His measure was designed to five the same rights to all companies may where in the State and to apply to all public institutions allke.

Mr. Sears held up his end of the discussion exceedingly well under very trying circumstances, for he was always willing to yield to questions and Seators did not fail to fairly pummet him with all sorts of interrogations.

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Mr. Byers made a plain, practical and fierceful argument for the Watkins' bill stying that in the position he occupied, he was not seeking to aid one company to the injury of the other. He wanted a general law to put all companies upon the same footing.

Mr. Keezell, in advocating the Watkins' bill, said he was such opposed as any one to methods that had been in the past sometimes resorte do in order to get bills through. "But who is to blamer" he asked, as he brought his little hand down upon his desk and then pointed his index finger in the face of the Benators. "I'll tell you who is to blame." said he. "It is the members of the General Assembly. Every one of us can have hills read if we choose to demand it. Now, I say, is iright for us. whose fault it is when improper legislation is enacted, to say that a good bill should not pass because we have enacted into law a bill that no one asked to have read and which we might have voted against?"

Mr. Keezell made one of his sledge-hammer,-business-like arguments, descaring that it would be good public policy to put all railways and public institutions upon

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the very same footing. He was opposed to allowing one company to hold up the progress of its rival and he wanted the public to be given relief when a public institution holds up its club so as to retard the onward march of public pro.

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Mr. Claytor said he did not care the snap of his finger for either of these corporations and he would vote for the Watkins' bill, believing it was presented by the committee as a substitute for the Saie hill entirely without regard to the interests of either corporation, but to provide a wise general law.

The debate was closed by Mr. Watkins in an argument, able, clear, frank and convincing to mest of the Sentors, Speaking of the alleged "surreptitious" manner in which the Louisa bill was passed, Mr. Watkins said it came with bad grace from Senators to plead the "baby act."

"Don't you think it would be better to



The Sonate adjourned at 2 o'clock.

The House was called to order at noon, and prayor was offered by Rev. Dr. W. Lear, of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Caboll gave notice that on Monday next he would call up the contosted election case of Lambeth and Bibb vs. Whitelvead and Woodard involving the right of the intra to their seats in the House firm Norfolk city.

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The chair appointed Messrs. Matthews, Heermans and Allen a Conference Committee on the part of the House on the disagreeing votes on the amendments to the Matthews dog law.

The general revenue bill was then taken up and the clerk proceeded to read it by sections, Chairman Boaz explaining its provisions.

Mr. Caton moved to strike out 30 cents as the tax on personal property in choses in action and insert 20 cents in lieu thereof.

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The amendment was earnestly opposed by Mr. Boaz and advocated by Mr. Jennings, a member of the Finance Committee.

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Mr. Caten spoke strongly for his amend-ment, claiming that the schedule pro-posed was unfair to the class of proper-ty under consideration. The member from Alexandria spoke with great earnestness and declared that if the report of the committee should be adopted that the business interests of the State would be paralyzed, Mr. Cumming spoke on the same line, and he and Mr. Caten both rapped the Constitutional Convention for reducing State taxes. reducing State taxes.
STOOD BY COMMITTEE.

Mr. Whitehead supported the Finance Committee in a strong speech and was often questioned by Mr. Caton and oth-

often questioned by sir. Caton and others.

Mr. Heermans spoke for the amendment and said he hoped the House would prove wiser than the Constitutional Convention, and the report of the committee was supported by Mr. Gardner, of Henrico. Mr. Boaz again spoke for the report, and it was evident that it was a fight of the cities against the country.

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Mr. Gravely advocated the amendment, and it was opposed by Mr. Cardwell. Mr. Caton followed Mr. Cardwell in another able speech for his amendment, and his appeal was a strong one for the business and commercial interests of the State.

The pending question was ordered, and the amendment was rejected—ayes, 18; noes, 46.

The vote on the amendment was as follows:

Bland, Branch, Caton, Cumming, Dudley, Fullon, Goodwin, Gravely, Heermans, Jennings, E. C. Jordan, Lion, Lowry, Lyell J. W. Smith, Toney and Wood-

ard—18.

Nocs-Messrs. Allen, Angell, Baker, Blscoe, George C. Bland, Boaz, Bowman, Cabell, Cardwell, Carter, Churchman, Duke, Edmundson, Edwards, Elam, Featherston, Folkes, Gardner, George, Graves, Green, Harman, Huff, Walter Jordan, Kelley, Lawsoff, Leake, Lee, Lewis, Mays Moore, Owen, Owens, Quisenberry, Reynolds, Rice, Settle, Simmerman, Blackburn Snith, Stafford, Stearnes, Taylor, Waddy, Wallace, West and Whitchead—46.

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noon to-day.

The following bills were introduced and referred;
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By Mr. Lowny: A bill to make the office of district school trustee elective and to pay a per diem.

By Mr. Caton: To prevent the fraudulent sale in bulk of merchandlee, or any portion thereof otherwise than in the ordinary course of trade.

WORK OF THE CITY MISSION

Charity is Doing.

With the assistance of kind friends interested in charitable work this organization has been enabled to meet mest of the demands during the present winter. About \$600 has been received from private donations, mest of which has been used for purchase of provisions, millt, medicine, etc. Contributions are now being sent in by the Citizens' Relief Association, and will be used for the same purpose. The City Mission has been most fortunate in securing coal, and comparatively few of Richmond's poor have suffered from the lack of it, as so many have in the large cities all over this country. Through the kind thoughtfulness and personal efforts of Mr. George W. Stevens, president of the Chesapeake and Ohlo Raliway, coal has been bought direct from the mines at very low rates, and hauled here at the mere cost of transportation. The sum of \$2,000 was appropriated by the City Council for purchase of fuel, and owing to the kindness of Mr. Stevens this amount will secure double as much coal as could have been obtained at retail rates.

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Thanks are due the Kanawha Fuel Company Charleston, W. Va., for the nanks are due the apany, Charleston, W. Va., for the rates charged on two hundred tons rates charged from them.

Asa D. Walkins.

The State Senator, who led the big fight for the bill to condern grounds of public institutions for railway purposes, and won out,

care for the baby than make a corpse?" asked Mr. Sears.

"I think the Senator from Mathews is putting himself in the attitude of both a baby and a corpse," replied Mr. Watkins if he had not as a stump speaker in the Bryan campaign in 1806 denounced the way in which the currency bill was passed by Congress without the knowledge of the Democratic Senators.

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Mr. Watkins said he did not claim to be anything more than human and he knew he had made mistakes as other Senators had done. But he was not prepared to vote to pass a general law simply because the Senate had passed a bill that might not have been voted for any objectionable features of it; is other words, he would do all within his power to remove the "awful cloud" that seemed to worry some of the Senators. He wanted it distinctly understood that his bill had notbing whatever to do with the Louiss charter.

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Among the visitors to the city yesterday at Murphy's Hotel was that gifted and talented son of old Fredericksburg, Hon. James B. Sener, who was overflowing with his accustomed liveliness and good humor. The ludge base of the city of t with his accustomed liveliness and good humor. The Judge has not been paying nuch attention to politics of late years, though he has not lost his interest entirely in current happenings. He is well versed in the troubles, also the pleasures and delights, attending the editorial tripod. He is one of the best known of Virginia Masons, a former member of the United States Congress, and during the late unpleasantness a most reliable war correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch. The Colonel is enjoying excellent health.

Miss Nannie L. Stamper returned last night from a delightful trip to Irvington and Norfolk.

Different Amounts Asked for in the City Courts—A Five-Year Sentence.

FILED YESTERDAY

DAMAGE SUITS

B. O. Gratz, through his attorney, filed yesterday in the Law and Equity Court a suit for damages to the amount of \$600 against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, a foreign corporation, with no agent or representative in Virginia. The allegations did not accompany the suit, and the nature of the claims against the company are not known.

Equity Court yesterday afternoon suit against the William R. Trigg Con pany for \$10,000 damages, alleged to have been done to a vessel belonging

Spot Green, the first of a quintette of alleged highway robbers, was sentenced to a term of eight years in the peni-tentiary by a jury in the Hustings Court yesterday morning, their verdict being reached after a delibration of a very few minutes.

Together with four other negroes it is alleged that Green waylaid C. W. Scherer, a resident of Church Hill, one night last December. After adminis-

Scherer, a resident of Church Hill, one night last December. After administering a severe drubbing to the late wayfarer, the negroes went through his clothes, taking money to the amount of about \$20.

Joe Jefferson, the negro who was recently arrested by Patrolman Wiltshire, was yesterday morning convicted of housebreaking in the Hustings Court. He was sentenced to a term of five years in the penitentiary.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Most Interesting Meeting Held at Laurel Street Wednesday.

The first quarterly conference of Laurel-Street Methodist Church was held Wednesday night by the presiding elder, Dr. W. V. Tudor. He preached

elder, Dr. W. V. Tudor. He presiding elder, Dr. W. V. Tudor. He preached an excellent sermon from the words, "Let this mind be in you."

At the business of the conference this charge was found to be in excellent condition. Large congregations are attending each service, and new members are being received each Sabbath. There is marked improvement in the Sunday-school work. Many new scholars are coming in each Sabbath and old ones returning. The congregation is at present concentrating their efforts to pay off the parsonage debt.

A new branch of the Sunday-school work will be inaugurated at this church on to-morrow night and on every Friday night thereafter. It will be the weekly guthering of the Sunday-school teachers of this church and all others who desire to study the Sunday-school lesson.

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THE RAGGED MOUNTAINS

Well Known Richmond Young Lady is to Take Up Work There.

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Miss Emily Noiting, a well-known, young lady of this city, is taking a special course of study in New York preparatory to undertaking missionary work in the Ragged Mountains, Albemarie county, under the Rev. P. W. Neve.

The Ragged Mountain work is one of the most interesting enterprises of the Episcopal Church in the diocese of Virginia. The recent meetings held in this city by Mr. Neve brought to the attention of the public much about this important work not hitherto generally known here.

The report of the day-school recently

The report of the day-school recently opened in connection with the church of the Good Shepherd has just been is-sued, and is very encouraging. Several times the school has been tried, only to end in failure, but now that the church has taken up the matter, it is hoped that the improved condition of things will continue. Rev. II. B. Lee, Beth Ahaba, Synagogue next Sunday of Charlottesville, is the promoter of 3 P. M.

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this good work in this part of the Rag-ged Mountains, and Mrs. Michie, who is instructing the children, is his able co-

Grain Crops in South. The Southern Farm Magazine of Balti-more has compiled from official reports of the Government the statistics of grain crops of the South in 1902. The total values are as follows:

Bushels.

Bushels. Value.

Cora 562,487,699 275,555,894

Wheat 48,872,127 38,003,619

Ryo 1,352,892 975,519

Oats 56,178,672 26,252,205

In addition to grain, the South raised at 34,116,169, 3,905,423 tons of hay, valued at 34,116,169, 3,905,423 tons of hay, valued at 34,706, and 630,258,598 pounds of to-bacco valued at \$35,81,025. The total for these three items added to the total for grain makes \$466,545,192, or approximately, about one-half of the total value of the agricultural products of the South. In this report no mention is made of the cotton crop, of sweet potatoes—the yield of which in the South is much larger than the yield of Irish potatoes—of sugar, rice and fruit crops. These figures show that the grain crop of the South—corn, wheat, outs and rye—is about the same in value as an average cotton crop, but the growth of diversified farming in the South promises within a few years to make the value of these crops much larger than that of cotton. ger than that of cotton.

Needs More Room.

The congregation of Laurel-Street Mothodist Church will worship in the main audience room of the church on Sundays hereafter. The congregation has been worshipping in the lecture room of the church during the last faw

months.

This change is made to accommodate the large congregations which gather at the church on Sundays to hear the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Henry E. Johnson, preach

Personal and General.

On account of the examinations at the public schools there will be no meeting of the Oakland Glee Club to-night. The club will meet Friday, February 13th at the residence of Miss Lillie Holloway, No. 2308 Yenable Street.

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